

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1418**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 120190 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1418, as introduced, Smyth. Communicable diseases: reporting.

Existing law requires a local health officer to immediately report by telegraph or telephone to the department every discovered or known case or suspect case of those diseases designated for immediate reporting by the department.

This bill would also include electronic mail or electronic facsimile as permitted methods of reporting.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 120190 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 120190. ~~Each~~ A health officer shall immediately report, by
- 4 telegraph ~~or~~, telephone, *electronic mail, or electronic facsimile*,
- 5 to the department every discovered or known case or suspect case
- 6 of those diseases designated for immediate reporting by the

- 1 department. Within 24 hours after investigation, each health officer
- 2 shall make reports as the department may require.

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